

REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN COMPLIANCE

*With the act of April 2, 1794, in reference to the operations of the  
armories during the year 1837.*

JUNE 12, 1838.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

June 11, 1838.

SIR : I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a report of the Colonel of Ordnance, which furnishes the information called for by the act of Congress of April 2, 1794, in reference to armories.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

Hon. R. M. JOHNSON,

*President of the Senate.*

ORDNANCE OFFICE, June 8, 1838.

SIR : In pursuance of an act concerning arsenals and armories, passed April 2, 1794, (5th section,) I have the honor to transmit, herewith, statements of the expenditures at the national armories, and of the arms, &c. manufactured therein, during the year 1837.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. BOMFORD,

*Col. of Ordnance.*

Hon. J. R. POINSETT,

*Secretary of War.*

*Statement of the operations of the armory at Springfield, Massachusetts, during the year 1837.*

[ 479 ]

Dr.	Cr.
For value of public grounds, buildings, machinery, and fixtures thereto; and of ordnance and ordnance stores of every description, on hand January 1st, 1837	
For value of supplies received at this armory from other posts, during 1837	
For this amount expended during the year, under the appropriations:	
For manufacturing arms	\$201,369 93
Deduct amount received for house rent	1,261 69
	\$200,108 24
For national armory, at Springfield	20,520 35
For additional machinery and fixtures	2,214 73
	222,843 32
For difference between the cost of 13,500 muskets in 1836, and their appraised value December 30th, 1837	12,498 41
	2,840,915 49
By cost of permanent improvements on public grounds, buildings, machinery, or other fixtures thereto, in 1837	\$23,570 84
By 14,500 muskets complete, \$11 69 $\frac{3227}{14500}$	\$169,587 97
By screw drivers, wipers, ball screws, spring vices, and flint caps	3,514 09
	173,102 06
By cost of all other work done this year	2,659 98
By value of articles issued, consumed, or sold	572,150 85
By value of public grounds, buildings, machinery, or other fixtures thereto; and of ordnance and ordnance stores of every description, (exclusive of the value stated in the above items,) per inventory 31st December, 1837	2,069,431 76
	2,840,915 49

GEO. BOMFORD,  
Colonel of Ordnance.

*Statement of the operations of the armory at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, during the year 1837.*

Dr.					Cr.
For value of component parts of arms on hand, January 1st, 1837 - - -	\$46,753 96			By value of component parts of arms on hand, 31st December, 1837 - - -	\$64,075 32
For unwrought materials on hand, same date -	76,007 23			By unwrought materials on hand, same date	103,784 64
		\$122,761 19			\$167,859 96
For this amount expended during the year, for all purposes, by the paymaster - - -	298,190 85			By amount expended under <i>special</i> appropriations, during the year - - -	- 68,037 09
Deduct amount of rents received on houses -	3,354 95			By amount expended for permanent improvements, during the year - - -	9,821 33
		294,735 90		By amount expended for miscellaneous purposes - - -	2,839 42
For value of supplies received from Frankford and Washington arsenals - - -	-	1,886 24		By amount for model musket - - -	2,203 52
				By 8,200 muskets complete, \$12 79.9614 -	104,956 84
				By wipers, spring vices, screw drivers, ball screws, and lead flint-caps - - -	2,811 88
				By amount expended in the manufacture of Hall's rifle and carbines - - -	39,573 09
					162,205 08
				By value of supplies issued to other arsenals, &c. - - -	- 4,586 03
				By value of component parts of model gun and tools on hand - - -	- 16,695 17
		419,383 33			419,383 33

GEO. BOMFORD,  
Colonel of Ordnance.

*Statement of the operations of Hall's rifle factory, attached to the Harper's Ferry armory, during the year 1837.*

[ 479 ]

Dr.				Cr.
For amount of component parts of Hall's rifle on hand, 31st December, 1836	\$29,130 21		By this amount expended in permanent improvements	\$3,720 85
For amount of parts of carbines on hand, same date	7,120 52		By this amount of unserviceable materials accumulated, delivered to the military storekeeper, 31st December, 1837	\$38 46
For value of serviceable parts of ammunition flasks on hand, same date	654 54		By this amount of unserviceable parts of rifles accumulated, delivered to military storekeeper, same day	90 40
For value of unserviceable materials on hand, same date	43 95	\$36,949 22	By this amount of unserviceable parts of carbines, delivered to military storekeeper, same day	96 00
For amount expended during the year, comprising all the payments made by the paymaster for the rifle factory, including all the articles charged for it at the military storekeeper's office	39,685 86		By value of 1,200 rifles, delivered into the arsenal at this place, at \$15 17.855	18,214 28
From which deduct rents received	80 25	39,605 61	By value of screw drivers, wipers, bullet moulds, flasks, complete with belts, and spring vices	2,519 25
			By value of 1,017 carbines, \$19 50	19,831 50
			By value of screw drivers, wipers, buck shot moulds, hooks, bolts, and nuts for bolts	1,935 68
			By this amount of serviceable parts of rifles, delivered to military storekeeper, this year	457 50
			By this amount of serviceable parts of rifles on hand, 31st December, 1837	28,811 55
			By this amount of serviceable parts of carbines on hand, same date	377 55
			By this amount of serviceable parts of ammunition flasks on hand, same date	461 81
		76,554 83		29,650 91
				76,554 83

GEO. BOMFORD, Colonel of Ordnance.



*Statement of the expenditures at the national armories, and of the arms, &c. manufactured therein, during the year 1837.*

ARMORIES.	EXPENDITURES.				ARMS, &C. MANUFACTURED.											
	Permanent improvements.	Manufacture of arms.	Miscellaneous.	Total amount expended.	Muskets complete.	Hall's rifles.	Hall's carbines.	Wipers.	Ball screws.	Spring vices.	Flint caps.	Screw drivers.	Bullet moulds.	Buck shot moulds.	Flasks complete, with belts.	Hooks, bolts, and nuts for bolts.
Springfield -	\$23,570 84	\$173,102 06	\$2,659 98	\$199,332 88	14,500	-	-	11,571	1,393	1,205	29,500	15,488				
Harper's Ferry -	9,821 33	109,971 24	2,839 42	122,631 99	8,200	-	-	15,218	614	-	70,000	592				
Hall's rifle factory -	3,720 85	42,500 71	-	46,231 56	-	1,200	1,017	2,217	-	200	-	*2,217	200	101	1,881	1,017
Total -	37,113 02	325,574 01	5,499 40	368,196 43	22,700	1,200	1,017	29,006	2,007	1,405	99,500	18,297	200	101	1,881	1,017

\* Including 1,017 carbines, at 25 cents each.

